



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In The Matter Of:**

Patent App. No: 10/771,578

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Title: Method and Apparatus for  
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Processing Stem

Art Unit.....1734

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**FIRST AMENDMENT, RESPONSIVE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED 01/11/2005**  
**ACCOMPANYING PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, and subject to grant of the accompanying Petition, please amend the above-identified Patent Application as summarized below and set forth in the accompanying separate pages:

**Amendment to the Claims:**

Amend Claims 1 and 2 as set forth in the accompanying Claims Listing, comprising five [5] pages, listing and identifying pending Claims 1 through 14 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c).